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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: Microsoft "settlement"

Greetings,

I am writing to strongly oppose the terms of the "settlement" offer in the Microsoft antitrust case. That Microsoft has violated the law is without question. But the proposed settlement in fact rewards that company for its misdeeds, rather than punishing them.

I must remind you that the marginal cost of software is a tiny fraction of its retail price, and therefore the stated monetary value of the cost to Microsoft is far in excess of the actual cost to that company.

Furthermore, this "punishment" allows Microsoft to expand its market share in education, which has long been one of their weakest markets.

In other words, this does not punish Microsoft at all, and in fact rewards their lawbreaking activity, handing them more of a monopoly on a silver platter.

As an administration and political party which prides itself on being "tough on crime", I would urge you to not reward Microsoft for committing a crime whose impact on society is unmeasurable. The nation awaits your decision, and hopes that you will bring about justice in this case.

Sincerely,

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